Spare parts of Maruti Vehicles

38. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that spare parts for Maruti vehicles are not easily available; and

(b) whether Government propose to instruct the Maruti Udyog Limited to make available spare parts in all cities and major towns of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Initially, some instances of inadequate availability of spare-parts had come to Government's notice. Government have impressed upon Maruti Udyog Ltd. to make concerted efforts to ensure easy availability of spare-parts.

Madras High Court Bench at Madurai

39. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to have a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai; and

(b) if so the steps taken by Government in view of the recommendation of the Tamil Nadu Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission on the proposal of the Government of Tamil Nadu for establishment of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai were referred to the Chief Minister in October, 1986 for his views and comments in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court and the Governor of the State. The State Law Minister has recently sent a letter stating *inter-alia* that the views of the Chief Justice are awaited by the State Government. Further action in the matter could be taken by the Government of India only after the State Government have completed the necessary consultations and sent their complete proposal.

Boom in tyre industry

40. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a boom in the tyre industry for the last three years;

(b) whether Government have decided to impose price control on tyres manufactured in the country; and

(c) if so, by when this decision will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The profitability of the tyre industry considered on the reasonable level of return of 20 per cent on the capital employed indicates that this level was achieved by seven tyre companies in 1982, which went down to three in 1983 and two in 1984. The number of such companies, however, improved to six in 1985.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of raw material in plastic Industry

41. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Plastic Industry is suffering due to acute shortage of raw material in the country;